

START OPEN WARFARE ON THE RAILROAD

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 10.—With a membership of 400,000 the International Association of Machinists, has started a warfare against certain railroad interests which are charged with attempting, in collusion with J. P. Morgan & Co., the United States Steel Corporation and other financial and industrial institutions, to disrupt union labor and bring conditions that will favor big business to the detriment of the workmen.

There has been trouble brewing for some time, and certain leaders of organized labor have alleged that industries were laying off men with a double purpose, which included an assault upon the power of the labor organizations.

The petition, filed by the Union, in effect, that certain railroads, their own repair shops, thousands of machinists and other employees out of work, and giving their locomotive and repair work to large private companies, at a cost between three and four times in excess of the sum at which the work could have been done in their own shops.

Postmasters At Laddonia And Vandalia Resign

C. B. Ellis at Vandalia and C. E. Mayhall at Laddonia send in Resignations to Gov't.

The vacancy at Vandalia for the postmaster's position was caused by the resignation of C. B. Ellis, a member of the drug firm of Ellis Brothers. Mr. Ellis was appointed in 1913 by President Wilson. He sent in his resignation two years ago, but it was not accepted, so he has been continuing to hold the position until now. During the time that he has been postmaster, he has been a most efficient one.

C. E. Mayhall, postmaster at Laddonia has also resigned his position, though no notice has been accepted. Mr. Mayhall has purchased the interest of F. M. Minor, who died this fall, in the Twice-a-Week Times at Louisiana, Mo. Because of having to spend the greater part of his time there, he has sent in his resignation.

Council Reports Bills To Amount Of \$3,795.12

The council meeting Monday night was presided over by Mayor Harrison, and all members were present with the exception of J. W. Adams. A petition was presented asking for the establishment of a district sewer on East Monroe street from Agricultural street to Grand avenue. This was referred to the street and alley committee, on a motion of D. C. Owen.

The sexton reported eight burials for the month, seven of them white persons. The financial statement for the month showed the following balances:

balances in general fund—\$4155.79.
Balance in general fund—\$2605.50.
Balance in Library fund—\$ 849.19.
Balance in cemetery fund—\$1085.05.
Balance in specie fund—\$4545.19.
Balance in road and vehicle fund—\$13.72.
Balance in special sewer fund—\$22.

D. C. Owen, chairman of the claims committee, reported bills to the amount of \$2795.12.

An ordinance accepting the bequest of Major Whitcomb was given a third reading. On a motion of W. J. Sanbeck, a notice was ordered served on the railroad companies to keep the cars back from the crossing a distance of forty feet as required by the city ordinance.

MEMORIAL EXERCISES

To Be Memorial Services at Hardin College in Behalf of Mrs. Richardson Who Died Recently.

J. W. Millon, president of Hardin College, announces that memorial exercises, in behalf of Mrs. B. L. Richardson, formerly principal of the college who died during the Christmas holidays, will be held in the college auditorium Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. All former students and all friends are especially invited. General invitation is extended to all who can attend.

Dr. S. S. Laws, 97, Dies Sunday.
Dr. Samuel Spahr Laws, president of Westminster College at Fulton from 1864 to 1881 and of the University of Missouri from 1875 to 1889, died at Asheville, N. C., Sunday morning. He was 97 years old. He was buried in Cincinnati, Ohio, Monday.

DYE ITEMS.

Miss Martha Berry visited Dye school Monday afternoon. — Ed Tuepker, Ralph Leritz, Don Weaver and Homer Adzell butchered last week. — The roads have been dragged and are in good condition again. — Miss Beulah Erdel was the guest of Miss Alma Adzell for the night Wednesday. — D. S. Weaver hauled hogs to Rush Hill Thursday. — Mrs. D. S. Weaver spent the week-end with her mother in Centralia. — Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hagan and Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hagan attended the tractor show in Mexico Tuesday and Wednesday. — Little Charlotte Erdel was not well last week. — Esther Britt was the guest of Beulah Roth Thursday night. — Herman Schrader is putting in a new fence in front of his place. — Mrs. F. F. Witche has returned from St. Louis where she has been with her husband who has been operated on. — Geo. Erdel, Herman Schrader and Albert Erdel attended the Smock sale near Rush Hill Thursday. — Elizabeth Erdel was the guest of little Harry Gray Elam Friday afternoon. — Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Erdel and children, Miss Ruth Rouse, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Snook, Mrs. F. F. Witche and Edmond Witche spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Snook, Mr. Will Skelly of St. Louis and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Snook of Mexico were dinner guests of Mrs. Snook. — Mr. and Mrs. Albert Erdel and children spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Erdel. — Ed Tuepker and Sylvian Tuepker aided Gaither Berry butcher Monday. — League services will be at 6:30 Sunday night at Littleby M. E. Church. — Albert Erdel, Ralph Leritz, Joe Yostameyer and John and Martin Geisel were in Mexico on business Saturday. — Geo. Erdel aided Vol Erdel move to Rush Hill Saturday. — Martha Tuepker, Russell Adzell and Hilda Anderson spent the week-end with home folks. — Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Erdel aided Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Snook butcher Monday.

HATTON-CONCORD.

Mrs. Sid Gilmore was shopping in Mexico Saturday. — Mrs. Charley Hoffman and daughter, Miss Nellie,

were shopping in Auxvasse Saturday. — Charley Oppers and family were visiting friends in Mexico Saturday. — Miss Hendrix after a pleasant visit with Will Hendrix and family returned to her home, near Molino. — Mrs. Will Stephens is better after some weeks of suffering. We trust she will soon be entirely recovered. — Miss Della Woods spent Saturday night with Elsie Novey. Miss Mary Novey spent Saturday with Myrtle Woods. — Mrs. Claud Woods was the guest of Mrs. Hoffman Friday. — Carol Freeman of St. Louis visited his aunt, Mrs. Mollie Bright, several days the past week. — Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cottrill entertained Sunday for dinner Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cottrill and children, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Braham and Mr. and Mrs. Percy Braham. — Gilmore Brothers' Chas. Hoffman and Chas. Oppers returned from St. Louis where they had been with a car load of mixed stuff. — They will build a new house soon on the Zeck Corner place that was destroyed by fire some time back. — Chal. Henderson sold Fishburn, the Tom Basil Henderson farm, possession first of arch. — Wallace Harding is building a new hen house. — They have completed the barn or shed at Goose Hill's school, for the pupils horses. — Bob Gilmore and family have moved in with Mrs. Ed Boyd. Mrs. Gilmore is a daughter of Mrs. Boyd. — Maurice Boyd returned last week to Columbia where he attended the high school.

To Observe at Lawder School.

The Teachers Training Class of McMillan High School will hike to the Lawder School Tuesday for observation of the work there. The following will go: Ruth Bybee, Helen Mildred, Marian Flynn, Leo Hansel, Vera Dempsey, Lena Smith, Alice Graham, Vernelle Denton, Julia Pierce and Sylvia Jones.

C. P. Malone is in McArthur, Ohio, on business.

Mrs. J. W. Gallaher continues to improve.

Miss Bessie Denton is ill at her home.

Your Furnace Is One of Your Best Friends; Take Care of It

Coal is high and has been all winter, though T. J. Kelsa and Guthrie & Son, Mexico dealers say that they are not buying and keeping in stocks much as usual because there are indications that the price will drop soon. The coal consumer was forced to cut down on his fuel during the war and has learned ways of economizing, so that his coal pile does not dwindle too quickly.

One of the means of reducing the heating bill for the winter is to have the house stripped in the fall. This is done by having strips of metal inserted on the sills or doors and in all the cracks around windows, which keeps out the cold air that comes in in that way. It is estimated that the second year after the house is stripped, at least two tons of coal a winter will be saved. Other methods of keeping out the cold are the using of double windows, extra radiator and heating drums in the stove pipe.

This winter has been unusually mild so far, and this has cut down the coal bill. A large number of poor people have been kept from suffering this winter because so much coal has not been necessary.

Another means of keeping down the coal bill, if one has a furnace, is to attend to it at regular intervals, which will keep the heat regular. By letting the fire go down, more coal is necessary before the furnace becomes heated again. In mild weather, the fire can be kept thinner and less coal used by allowing a few inches of ashes to remain on the grates. But in cold weather, to keep the fire going, the grate should be free of ashes. By being sure that the heat is doing what you want it to do and not needlessly heating unoccupied spaces of the chimney and by understanding the way to keep a fire in the furnace or stove, the amount of coal used can be kept down.

LEDGER CLASSIFIED ADS PAY

January Clearance Sale

Do you remember the prices of last Winter and last Spring? You can now buy nearly twice the amount for the same money. We are giving you the benefit of reductions in the wholesale market.

36-INCH PERCALE

New Spring Patterns, Light Stripes Blue and Grey Grounds
25c a Yard

32-INCH IMPORTED ENGLISH MADRAS

Light Stripes
Per Yard 75c

EXTRA SPECIAL MEN'S UNDERWEAR

Shirts or Drawers \$1.00
Ribbed Union Suits \$1.50
Wool Shirts and Drawers \$1.50
Ribbed Union Suits \$2.00
Heavy Fleece Union Suits \$2.39
Heavy Wool Union Suits \$3.00

Boy's Underwear

Reduced 1-3

27 Skirts—All-Wool Serges and Plaids

At Half-Price

ALL CHILDREN'S COATS

At Half-Price

2,000 Yards Amoskeag A F G Gingham, Solids, Checks, Plaids.
25c per Yard

One-third Off

All Shirt Waists & Middy Blouses

DRESSES

14 Taffeta and Satin Charmeuse Dresses, Grey, Copen, Navy, Black. Values to \$42.50.
Your Choice **\$15.00**
14 Navy Tricotine and Serge Dresses, Were \$20 to \$45 **\$15.00**
8 All-Wool Navy Serge and Tricotine Dresses, \$15 to \$25.00 Values **\$9.75**

SUITS

4 \$50 Suits **\$25.00**
At
4 \$50 and \$60 Suits **\$29.00**
At
2 \$75 Suits **\$35.00**
At

COATS

A few Coats at Half and Less.

STANDARD BRANDS OF BED SHEETS

63x90 Seamless Sheets **\$1.45**
Each
81x90 Seamless Sheets **\$1.59 and \$1.69**
Each

PILLOW SLIPS

36x36-Inch Slips made of Hope Muslin at Each **25c**
36x36-Inch Slips of Heavy Pequot Make, Each **57c**
42x36-Inch Slips of Heavy Muslin, Each **39c**

Blankets & Comforts

40x68-Inch Single Blankets 50¢ Each

DOUBLE BLANKETS

54x74, 60x75 Values **\$2.39**
Golden Seal and Nashua Woolnap Blankets, White, Stripes, Plaids, 64x76 \$6.85 Values **\$3.95**

60x80, \$7.75 Values **\$4.50**
\$10.00 Blankets, 68x80, 70x80, 72x80 **\$6.75**
Golden Seal Woolen Blankets.

66x80, \$12.75 Values **\$7.95**

All Wool Blankets Bound with White Ribbon, Blue Border—One Only—was **\$12.50**
\$17.50 Now

Home-Made Comforts 72x90 \$5.00

Sateen Bordered **\$5.95**

STEVENS ALL-LINEN CRASH TOWELLING

15-Inch Unbleached at per yard **25c**
18-Inch Unbleached at per yard **35c**
18-Inch Bleached at per yard **42c**
Five Other Qualities to Please You

DEBATE JANUARY 21

McMillan is Paired Off With Montgomery City Team For Next Debate January 21.

Word has been received by J. G. Merideth of McMillan High School from M. R. Vaughn of Montgomery City, president of the north-east district for debating, and the one who pairs off the teams for debating, that McMillan's next debate January 21 will be with Montgomery City. The place and side of the question have not yet been decided upon.

Columbia won from Boonville, Ladonia won from Centralia and Center won from Troy in the debates of Friday. Returners from other towns in the district have not yet come in. Those towns who lost are eliminated from the debating.

The question will be the same as has already been debated on: Resolved, that there should be courts of compulsory arbitration to settle disputes between employer and employee.

GOMPERS WARNING

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 10.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, on the way to the City of Mexico for the convention of the Pan-American labor congress, declared here that if an effort was made to reduce the wages of workers a nation-wide industrial crisis would be precipitated.

"We have knowledge of huge profits made by manufacturers," said Gompers, "and we do not propose to have the workers made the goat by them to satisfy the demands for lower prices, an effort to save the huge profits."

He said that the wage reduction was simply a blind by the industries to save these profits.

Richard Ashworth, of Moberly, was in this city Monday on business.

C. OF C. WILL START NOW FOR YEAR

The Mexico Chamber of Commerce held its first weekly luncheon Tuesday at the Hoxsey Hotel, and decided that in the future it would hold its luncheons every Thursday noon at the Hoxsey.

J. W. Gallaher announced his acceptance as president of the Chamber of Commerce for 1921, and stated that of the sixty letters he sent out to business men asking their opinion of the necessity of continuing the Chamber of Commerce here and whether they were willing to co-operate with him in the work, he received eighty-three percent of affirmative replies.

The Chamber of Commerce at this time has one hundred and twenty-nine members, all of whom, with the exception of thirty-seven, are paid up. A membership committee, composed of Sam Morris, Chairman, M. T. Vandegrift, C. P. Arnold, and L. A. Beech, was appointed; as was a finance committee with L. M. Dozier, Chairman, Edgar Richardson, and R. R. Wagner as members.

The decision as regards the new secretary will be announced shortly, as several prospective secretaries are being considered.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, A. J. Lipp, Administrator of the estate of REUBEN HARLOW, Deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such administrator at the next term of the Probate Court of Audrain County, Missouri, to be held at Mexico, Mo., in said County, on the 14th day of February, A. D., 1921.

A. J. LIPP, Administrator.
Attested by me, this 27th day of December, 1920.
(SEAL) BESS WOODS, Clerk of Probate Court.

Monday January 31st INCLUSIVE

SALE SPECIAL

Wash Cloths, Pink or Blue Borders
10c Each

CORSETS

R. & G. Back-laced Corsets
\$1.65 to \$3.50
Lady Ruth Front-laced Corsets
\$2.69 to \$6.95

1-4 Off

All Lace Collars and Vestings

Women's Hosiery

Black Cotton Stockings
20c—28c—30c per Pr.
39c—47c—65c per Pr.

Black and Brown Mercerized Hose per Pr. **75c**

Black Fibre Silk Hose
\$1.19—\$1.35 per Pr.

"TOPSY" Pure Thread Silk Hose Black and Brown

\$1.69

"Cinderella" and other Full-Fashioned Silk Hose, Lisle Garter Tops, Black, White, Russian Calf, Cordovan, Leather Brown, All sizes **\$2.39**

Full-Fashioned Hose, Silk Tops, Black **\$2.75**

Lace Clocked Hose **\$6.25**

Glove Silk Hose, Plain and Drop-Stitch and Lace, Black, White Cordovan.

HOPE MUSLIN
17c per Yard

SPECIAL PRICES ON FURS

Sale Closes Monday January 31